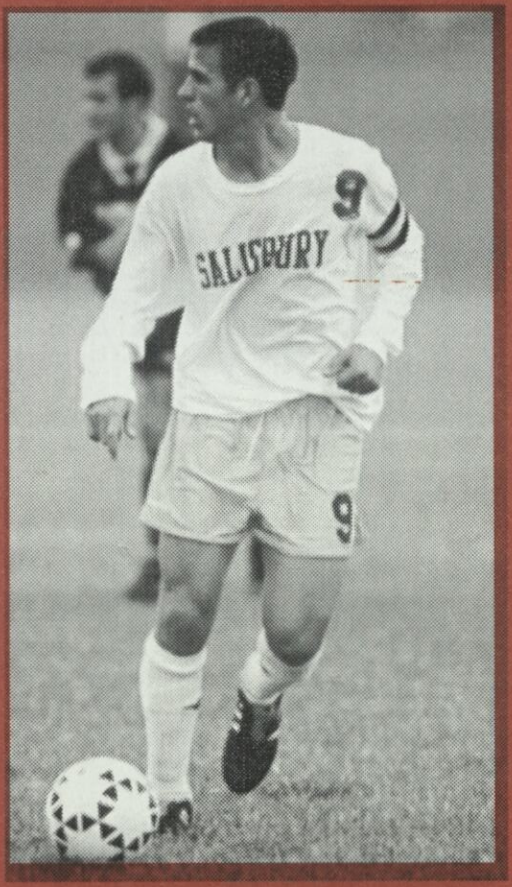
# SALISBURY STATE UNIVERSITY




# MEN'S SOCCER

## 1996

## SSU at a glance

**The resources of a University ...**
6,000 students from 43 states and 29 foreign countries
29 undergraduate and 7 graduate programs
200 full-time tenure-track faculty, 85 percent with terminal degrees, including National Endowment for the Humanities scholars and Fulbright professors.
NCAA Division III Athletics, 9 men's, 10 women's intercollegiate teams; 22 intramural sports

**... with small-school opportunities.**
Approachable faculty (17:1 student/faculty ratio)
Honors program with dedicated faculty at the Bellavance Honors Center. Ten residence complexes including traditional, co-ed, suite and apartment styles.

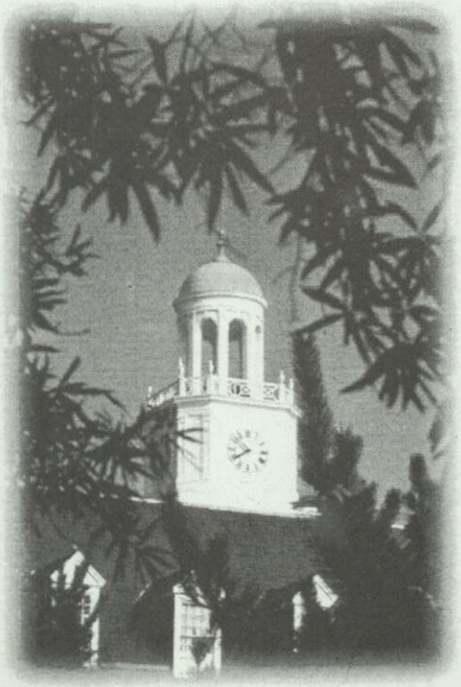
**The security of state support ...**
1997-98 tuition, room, board and fees: $8,952 per year for Maryland residents; $12,704 per year out-of-state.
A library with over 800,000 volumes, periodicals, microforms and databases including word processing and computer labs. Access to collections throughout the country.

**... with the benefits of private funding.**
Altogether, SSU awards nearly $750,000 in academic scholarships each year. More than $16 million in private endowments supports some of those scholarships and provides for some of the finest educational programs.

**In an ideal–and idyllic–location:**
Salisbury, MD, is 30 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean and Ocean City, MD, and 20 miles east of the Chesapeake Bay; 2 hours from Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Wilmington, DE. The campus is 2 1/2 hours from Norfolk, VA, and Philadelphia, PA, and 4 1/2 hours from New York.

Come see us–in person, or in cyberspace. We'd love to see your smiling face, but if you can't get here, check out our Web site.
We're at **http://www.ssu.edu.**

SSU's campus is in an attractive, residential neighborhood of stately homes on sculpted lawns, less than one-half mile from the banks of the Wicomico River. The campus includes 34 buildings on 125 landscaped acres. Students walk from one end of campus to the other in about 5 minutes.



## Dr. Gerry DiBartolo Head Coach

The 1996 season marked **Gerry DiBartolo's** 15th year as head coach of the Salisbury State University soccer program. As the second winningest coach in the program's history, he reached a unique career milestone in 1994 when he registered his 100th career victory. His 59 wins over the past five seasons is the highest five-year victory total in the sport's 60-year history at SSU.

DiBartolo, 133-108-22 overall, has led the Sea Gulls to five successive campaigns with 10 or more wins since 1992. During that span, his teams have collected one conference championship ('92), one postseason appearance (ECAC, '93) and a regular season conference title ('94). The Sea Gulls have also played in the Capital Athletic Conference's championship game for three straight years.

Coming off a superb 13-2-1 season in 1992, DiBartolo was named the NSCAA/Umbro South Atlantic Coach of the Year. He followed with another strong campaign in 1993 as the Gulls posted 11 wins and earned their first postseason bid since 1985. Salisbury State finished as the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) South Region runnerup. In 1994, he was named Coach of the Year in the Capital Athletic Conference as the Sea Gulls finished first in the regular season with a 6-0-1 mark.

Honors, awards and championships are nothing new for the well-respected Sea Gull mentor. DiBartolo was honored as Maryland Small College Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1984 as the Gulls captured the Maryland State Championship both seasons. He also led Salisbury State to the Eastern States Athletic Conference (ESAC) Championship in 1987 and 1992, and was recognized as the ESAC's Coach of the Year in 1992.

A 1975 graduate of Frostburg State University, where he played for four seasons and captained the team as a senior, DiBartolo worked two years as the assistant coach there before moving to the Eastern Shore. He served as a Sea Gull assistant for three seasons before taking over as head coach in 1982. DiBartolo serves as chair of the ECAC's Division III South Tournament Selection Committee, as well as chair of the NSCAA South Atlantic Coach of the Year Committee.

DiBartolo also teaches in SSU's Franklin P. Perdue School of Business, and earned his D.B.A. from George Washington University in 1995. DiBartolo and his wife, Mary, have two children, Dominic and Anthony, and reside in Salisbury.

## Assistant Coaches

**Brian Polczynski**

Back for his fourth year on the sidelines after a productive SSU playing career is former goalie Brian Polczynski. The Waldorf, MD, native transferred to Salisbury State prior to the 1991 season and was the starting netminder for the '91 and '92 seasons. He ranks second on SSU's alltime shutout list with 14, including eight shutouts in 1992 when he finished with a 0.68 goals against average. Polczynski works primarily with the goalkeepers and the defense.

**Rick DiCarlo**

DiCarlo returned to Salisbury State in 1996 for his second tenure as an assistant with the Sea Gulls, having coached previously during the 1982-83 seasons. A native of Baltimore, DiCarlo played at Campbell College from 1972-76, and earned all-NAIA district honors all four seasons. He remains active in coaching youth league soccer and holds the USSF's National Coaching License. He works primarily with the forwards and mid-fielders at SSU.

## 1996 Team Captains

**Matt Tirschman**

**Keith Chesla**

## SSU's Run of Success

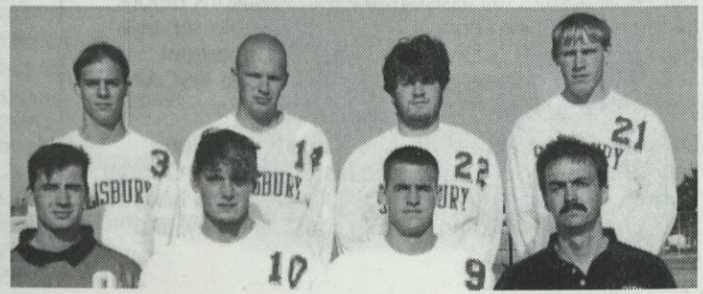
With 59 wins over the past five seasons, the Salisbury State University men's soccer program appears to be at its zenith. Each of the past five seasons has yielded new records, milestones and accomplishments. Starting with the 1992 season, the Sea Gulls have continually built on their success. Up to that point, 1992 was clearly the most successful season in SSU soccer history. In addition to setting a school-record with 13 victories, the Gulls remained unbeaten for the last month of the season and closed the year on a 7-0-1 run after enjoying a six-game winning streak during September. Salisbury State won the Eastern States Athletic Conference Championship, and also claimed the unofficial Maryland Division III title with a 4-0 record against in-state competition.

So what did the Gulls do in 1993? They went out and earned their first postseason bid since 1985, and finished as the ECAC South Region runnerup. SSU won 10 of its final 13 regular season games to earn the bid, and enjoyed a school-record 10-game unbeaten string (nine wins and one tie) during the season. The offense set a new school record with 43 goals scored, while the defense posted six shutouts during the year. Once again, SSU also won all four of its games against in-state competition.

In 1994, the Sea Gulls moved into a new conference, the Capital Athletic Conference, and promptly claimed the league's regular season title. SSU snapped Mary Washington's 30-match CAC winning streak, and posted a nine-game unbeaten streak while registering a 12-3-3 overall record. Along the way, the Gulls once again set a new team scoring record with 54 goals, and tied the season record of 10 shutouts. Another unblemished record against in-state competition upped Salisbury's mark to 12-0 against Maryland rivals over a three-year span.

The Sea Gull program reached another milestone during the 1995 campaign as junior Matt Tirschman earned all-America honors, becoming just the second SSU player to ever be recognized on the national team. Tirschman, who scored 10 goals and added 11 assists during the '95 campaign, helped lead the Gulls to an 11-7 overall finish and a second consecutive runnerup trophy in the conference.

The Sea Gulls added another 12 victories in 1996, and once again enjoyed streaks of success. SSU won six straight at one point while also compiling a seven-match unbeaten streak. Led by conference Player of the Year Tirschman, the Gulls advanced to the conference championship game for the third consecutive year. In three years as a member of the CAC, Salisbury State has an 18-2-1 record. SSU also continued its recent success against in-state competition with a 4-0-1 record against Maryland teams.



**The senior members of the 1996 team, pictured with Head Coach Gerry DiBartolo. Front row (l-r): John Engel, Keith Chesla, Matt Tirschman and Coach DiBartolo. Back row (l-r): Pat Crawford, Damion Dzambo, Chris Gray and Keith Muir.**

## 1996 Results & Statistics

Final Overall Record: 12-6-2
CAC Record: 6-1

Home: 8-1-2
Away: 4-5

| Date | Opponent | Result | Score | Record | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/7 | s JOHNS HOPKINS | T | 2-2 OT | 0-0-1 | Giuffrida, Muir goals |
| 9/8 | s MARYVILLE | L | 1-4 | 0-1-1 | Tirschman goal |
| 9/14 | g Ferrum | W | 3-1 OT | 1-1-1 | Giuffrida, Chesla, Crawford goals |
| 9/15 | g Greensboro | L | 0-1 | 1-2-1 | Greensboro goal with 11:30 remaining |
| 9/17 | * MARYMOUNT | W | 3-0 | 2-2-1 | Crawford, Dzambo, Tirschman goals |
| 9/21 | Eastern Mennonite | L | 1-5 | 2-3-1 | Keith Chesla goal, Tirschman assist |
| 9/25 | RANDOLPH-MACON | T | 0-0 OT | 2-3-2 | Engel 7 saves |
| 9/28 | FROSTBURG STATE | W | 4-1 | 3-3-2 | Tirschman 1 goal, 2 assists |
| 10/1 | * GALLAUDET | W | 5-0 | 4-3-2 | Keith Chesla 1 goal, 1 assist |
| 10/5 | * YORK | W | 3-1 | 5-3-2 | Mark Maguire two goals |
| 10/9 | * ST. MARY'S | W | 8-0 | 6-3-2 | Gray, Crawford two goals each |
| 10/12 | Virginia Wesleyan | W | 2-1 | 7-3-2 | Tirschman goal & assist |
| 10/16 | * Goucher | W | 5-1 | 8-3-2 | Maguire 2 goals |
| 10/19 | * Mary Washington | L | 0-1 | 8-4-2 | MWC goal with 29:15 remaining |
| 10/22 | * Catholic | W | 3-0 | 9-4-2 | Maguire 2 goals; Crawford 1g-1a |
| 10/26 | NC WESLEYAN | W | 4-2 | 10-4-2 | Crawford 1g-1a |
| 10/30 | Wesley | L | 1-2 OT | 10-5-2 | Wesley game-winner :30 secs left in OT |
| 11/5 | ST. MARY'S | W | 4-0 | 11-5-2 | CAC Tournament - Quarterfinal |
| 11/7 | YORK | W | 3-0 | 12-5-2 | CAC Tournament - Semifinal |
| 11/9 | Mary Washington | L | 1-2 | 12-6-2 | CAC Tournament - Championship |

Home Games in CAPS
g Greensboro Invitational
s First Shore Federal/SSU Classic
* CAC Opponents

| | 1996 Season | | | Career | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Individual Scoring** | **Goals** | **Assists** | **Points** | **Goals** | **Assists** | **Points** |
| Pat Crawford (Glen Burnie, MD) | 9 | 9 | 27 | 12 | 15 | 39 |
| Matt Tirschman (Baltimore, MD) | 8 | 9 | 25 | 35 | 27 | 97 |
| Chris Gray (Waldorf, MD) | 6 | 4 | 16 | 9 | 8 | 26 |
| Mark Maguire (Wilmington, DE) | 7 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 1 | 17 |
| Keith Chesla (Jarrettsville, MD) | 6 | 3 | 15 | 7 | 8 | 22 |
| Michael Giuffrida (Fallston, MD) | 4 | 2 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 27 |
| Damion Dzambo (Glen Burnie, MD) | 3 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Morten Zederkof (Denmark) | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| David Summey (Edgewater, MD) | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Alex Fraschetti (Ocean Pines, MD) | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Kirk Chesla (Jarrettsville, MD) | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Keith Muir (Baltimore, MD) | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| David Hanson (Baltimore, MD) | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| David Lobley (Hagerstown, MD) | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Louis Petrovia (Baltimore, MD) | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Jeremy McDonough (Baltimore, MD) | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| David Johnson (Westminster, MD) | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Javier Rivera (Crofton, MD) | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Shawn Naegele (Severn, MD) | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Stephen Groves (Hagerstown, MD) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 16 |
| Chris Schaefer (Woodbine, MD) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| David Blades (BelAir, MD) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| SSU Totals | 53 | 48 | 154 | | | |
| Opponents | 24 | 12 | 60 | | | |

| **Goalies** | **Games** | **Saves** | **Goals** | **Pct.** | **ShO** | **Min** | **GAA** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Engel (Taneytown, MD) | 20 | 80 | 22 | .784 | 7.5 | 1773 | 1.12 |
| Brad Nein (Severn, MD) | 5 | 5 | 1 | .833 | 0 | 60 | 1.50 |
| Kris Aleshire (Hagerstown, MD) | 3 | 2 | 1 | .667 | 0 | 22 | 4.09 |
| Lance Burgess (Baltimore, MD) | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0.5 | 45 | 0.00 |
| SSU Totals | 20 | 88 | 24 | .786 | 8 | 1890 | 1.14 |
| Opponents | 20 | 169 | 53 | .761 | 2 | 1890 | 2.52 |

## 1996 Sea Gull Roster

| No | Name | Pos | Yr | Hometown | High School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | David Summey | M | Fr | Edgewater, MD | South River |
| 2 | Javier Rivera | M | Jr | Crofton, MD | Glen Burnie |
| 3 | Pat Crawford | M | Sr | Glen Burnie, MD | Old Mill |
| 4 | Michael Giuffrida | F | So | Fallston, MD | Fallston |
| 5 | Chris Schaefer | B | Jr | Woodbine, MD | Glenelg |
| 6 | Pat Fridley | M | Fr | Crofton, MD | Arundel |
| 7 | Mark Maguire | B | Jr | Wilmington, DE | A.I. DuPont |
| 8 | David Hanson | B | Jr | Baltimore, MD | Loyola |
| 9 | Matt Tirschman | M | Sr | Baltimore, MD | Overlea |
| 10 | Keith Chesla | M | Sr | Jarrettsville, MD | North Harford |
| 11 | David Blades | B | Jr | Bel Air, MD | C. Milton Wright |
| 12 | Stephen Groves | F | Jr | Hagerstown, MD | South Hagerstown |
| 13 | Kirk Chesla | B | Jr | Jarrettsville, MD | North Harford |
| 14 | Damion Dzambo | M | Sr | Glen Burnie, MD | Glen Burnie |
| 15 | Alessandro Fraschetti | M | So | Ocean Pines, MD | Stephen Decatur |
| 16 | Jeremy McDonough | F | So | Baltimore, MD | Loch Raven |
| 17 | Morten Zederkof | M | Fr | Fredericia, Denmark | Sussex Central |
| 18 | Louis Petrovia | B | Jr | Baltimore, MD | Sparrows Point |
| 19 | Shawn Naegele | M | Fr | Severn, MD | Calvert |
| 20 | David Lobley | B | Jr | Hagerstown, MD | North Hagerstown |
| 21 | Keith Muir | M | Sr | Baltimore, MD | Kenwood |
| 22 | Chris Gray | B | Sr | Waldorf, MD | LaPlata |
| 24 | Kyle Eberhardt | B | Fr | Gaithersburg, MD | Damascus |
| 25 | Andy Johnson | M | Jr | Frederick, MD | Thomas Johnson |
| 26 | David Johnson | B | Fr | Westminster, MD | Westminster |
| – | John Engel | G | Sr | Taneytown, MD | Francis Scott Key |
| – | Brad Nein | G | So | Severn, MD | Meade |
| – | Kris Aleshire | G | Jr | Hagerstown, MD | South Hagerstown |
| – | Lance Burgess | G | Jr | Baltimore, MD | Overlea |

# Sea Gull Record Book

**Team Records, Season**
Most Wins - 13, 1992
Most Shutouts - 10, 1983 & 1994
Most Goals Scored - 54, 1994
Most Consecutive Wins - 7, 1947 & 1992
Most Games Without a Loss - 10, 1993
Best Goals Against Avg. - 0.75, 1992

**Individual Records, Season**
Most Goals - 17, Harry Winters, 1972
Most Assists - 12, Robert Novak, 1987
Most Points - 35, Harry Winters, 1972
Most Saves - 200, Brad Cordrey, 1975
Most Shutouts - 9, Dan Coleman, 1983
Best Goals Against Average - 0.53, Dan Coleman, 1983

**Individual Records, Career**
Most Goals - 54, Harry Winters, 1971-74
Most Assists - 30, Robert Novak, 1984-87
Most Points - 113, Harry Winters, 1971-74
Most Saves - 367, Brad Cordrey, 1974-75
Most Shutouts - 15, Dan Coleman, 1981-85
Best Goals Against Average - 0.97, Brian Polczynski, 1991-92

**Career Goals Scored**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1) | Harry Winters | 1971-74 | 54 |
| 2) | Matt Tirschman | 1993-95 | 35 |
| 3) | Andy Hall | 1966-69 | 30 |
| 4) | Dale Pusey | 1968-72 | 28 |
| 5) | Bruce Hartley | 1965-68 | 27 |
| 6) | Bryan Watson | 1985-89 | 25 |
| 7) | Al Younger | 1951-54 | 24 |
| 8) | Wyatt Wallace | 1964-67 | 24 |
| 9) | Tony D'Antonio | 1984-87 | 23 |
| 10) | Tony Redman | 1968-70 | 22 |
| | Willie Morris | 1992-95 | 22 |

**Career Points**

| | | | Goals | Assists | Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1) | Harry Winters | 1971-74 | 54 | 5 | 113 |
| 2) | Matt Tirschman | 1993-96 | 35 | 27 | 97 |
| 3) | Andy Hall | 1966-69 | 30 | 12 | 72 |
| 4) | Willie Morris | 1992-95 | 22 | 16 | 60 |
| 5) | Bruce Hartley | 1965-68 | 27 | 5 | 59 |
| 6) | Dale Pusey | 1968-72 | 28 | 2 | 58 |
| 7) | Bryan Watson | 1985-89 | 25 | 7 | 57 |
| 8) | Tony D'Antonio | 1984-87 | 23 | 6 | 52 |
| | Mike Conners | 1991-93 | 18 | 16 | 52 |
| 10) | Tony Redman | 1968-70 | 22 | 7 | 51 |

# Men's Soccer Honor Roll

**National All-Americans**

1981—Sandor Fodor
1995—Matt Tirschman

**Regional All-Americans**

1980—Vane Wiggins
1981—Sandor Fodor
Mark Smith
Jeff Thompson
1984—Jim Cocchiaro
1985—Chris Chale
1986—David League
1987—Robert Novak
1990—David Kidd
Kevin Jackson
1991—Kevin Darcy
1992—Chris Hayes
Scott Talley
1994—Kirk Chesla
Keith Wehr
1995—Stephen Groves
Matt Tirschman
1996—Matt Tirschman

**All-Capital Athletic Conference**

1994 Matt Tirschman (first team)
Ousman Auber (first team)
Keith Wehr (first team)
Kirk Chesla (first team)
1995 Matt Tirschman (first team)
Stephen Groves (first team)
Keith Chesla (first team)
Mike Giuffrida (second team)
Chris Schaefer (second team)
1996 Matt Tirschman (first team)
Keith Chesla (first team)
Kirk Chesla (first team)
Pat Crawford (second team)
Mark Maguire (second team)
John Engel (second team)

**Player-of-the-Year Awards**

1981—Sandor Fodor
Maryland Division II-III
1984—Eric Tewey
Maryland Division II-III
1986—David League
Maryland Division II-III
1987—Robert Novak
Eastern States Athletic Conference
1996—Matt Tirschman
Capital Athletic Conference

# Why Soccer at SSU?

**Consistent Top 10 ISAA regional ranking**

1996 final South Region ranking 8th

**Competitive schedule**

1996 schedule featured nine of 17 regular season opponents who were ranked nationally or regionally

**Opportunity to compete in an excellent athletic conference**

**Outstanding playing and training facilities**

120 x 75 yard irrigated game field, separate practice site, permanent stadium seating, outstanding weight training facilities and athletic training staff

**Established coaching staff**

**Opportunity to play for an outstanding athletic program with a successful tradition**

## Sea Gull Quick Facts

| | |
|---|---|
| Location | Salisbury, MD |
| Founded | 1925 |
| Enrollment | 6,000 |
| President | Dr. William C. Merwin |
| Colors | Maroon and Gold |
| Nickname | Sea Gulls |
| Affiliation | NCAA Division III, ECAC |
| Conference | Capital Athletic Conf. (CAC) |
| Director of Athletics | Dr. Michael Vienna |
| Athletics Department Phone | 410-548-3503 |
| Athletics Department Fax | 410-546-2639 |
| Head Coach | Gerry DiBartolo |
| Alma Mater | Frostburg State '75 |
| Record at School, Years | 133-108-22, 15 years |
| Coach's Office Phone | 410-548-5338 |
| Coach's E-mail Address | grdibartolo@ssu.edu |
| 1996 Record | 12-6-2 |

## Sea Gulls in the CAC

Salisbury State University has competed as a member of the Capital Athletic Conference since 1993. The SSU men's soccer team has advanced to the CAC's championship game each of the three years that it has been eligible. Since beginning conference play in 1994, the Sea Gulls have registered an 18-2-1 regular season record in conference games, and a 24-5-1 record when including postseason conference games.

While several of SSU's rivalries against conference opponents has grown since the Sea Gulls joined the conference, Salisbury had also played several of the teams prior to its CAC membership. A closer look at the all-time series records:

| Opponent | Series Record | Series Began |
|---|---|---|
| Catholic | SSU leads 15-5-2 | 1953 |
| Gallaudet | SSU leads 11-0-0 | 1958 |
| Goucher | SSU leads 4-0-0 | 1993 |
| M. Washington | SSU trails 4-15-0 | 1979 |
| Marymount | SSU leads 4-0-0 | 1994 |
| St. Mary's | SSU leads 14-4-3 | 1975 |
| York | SSU leads 11-4-5 | 1972 |

## Tirschman Named CAC Player of the Year

Salisbury State's senior forward Matt Tirschman (pictured on the cover) was named 1996 Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 1996, and was one of six Sea Gulls named to the all-conference first and second teams. The SSU players selected were:

| First Team | Second Team |
|---|---|
| Matt Tirschman, forward | Pat Crawford, forward |
| Keith Chesla, midfield | Mark Maguire, midfield |
| Kirk Chesla, back | John Engel, goalie |

## SSU's Athletics Philosophy

Salisbury State University, a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division III, offers 19 intercollegiate sports for men and women. In addition to NCAA membership, SSU competes as a member of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

As a member of the NCAA's Division III, Salisbury State places the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience. In doing so, it seeks to strengthen the integration of objectives and programs in athletics with academic and developmental objectives, and to assure the integration of athletes with other students.

SSU places special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants, with emphasis on the internal constituency (students, alumni and special friends) rather than on the general public and its entertainment needs.

The SSU athletics program is further characterized by the following principles:

- Participants receive the same treatment as other students. They have no unique privileges in admission, academic advising, course selection, grading, living accommodations or financial aid. Similarly, athletes are not denied rights and opportunities that would be available to them as non-athletes.
- Sports for men and women are given equal emphasis and the desired quality of competition is similar in all sports.
- Students are supported in their efforts to reach high levels of performance by providing them with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities with students from similar institutions.
- SSU strives to make the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics an enriching experience, and holds genuine concern for each participant's welfare. The intercollegiate program's foremost goal at all times is to supplement and enrich the first priority of the University, which is academic accomplishment.

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